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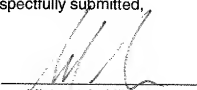
Applicants' attorney would like to thank the Examiner for careful consideration of this Application. Claims 1 and 6-38 are pending in the application. Claims 13-19 have been withdrawn and claims 2-5 have been cancelled. New claims 21-38 have been added. No new matter has been added to the instant application via this Response.

In the instant application, the Office has indicated that claims 3-5 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As such, the instant claims have been amended and/or added to feature such. Specifically, claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include the features of claim 3, new claims 21 and 31 are directed to the subject matter of claims 1 and 4, respectively, and claims 29 and 38 are directed to the subject matter of claims 1 and 5, respectively. In view of the changes presented in this Amendment, Applicants now believe claims 1 and 6-38 comply with the allowable subject matter as indicated by the Office. Further, dependent claims 6-12, 20, 22-28, and 30-36 are in condition for allowance due to their dependency on the independent claims featuring allowed subject matter. Allowance of the pending claims in this Application is respectfully requested.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including any fees for an extension of time or those under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17, which may be required by this paper, and/or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2527.

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